



Senate Bill No. 2002

June Special Session, Public Act No. 05-6

AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Education having reviewed applications for state grants for public school building projects in accordance with section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended, on the basis of priorities for such projects and standards for school construction established by the State Board of Education, and having prepared a listing of all such eligible projects ranked in order of priority, including a separate schedule of previously authorized projects which have changed substantially in scope or cost, as determined by said commissioner together with the amount of estimated grant with respect to each eligible project, and having submitted such listing of eligible projects, prior to December 15, 2004, to a committee of the General Assembly established under section 10-283a of the general statutes for the purpose of reviewing such listing, is hereby authorized to enter into grant commitments on behalf of the state in accordance with said section 10-283 with respect to the priority listing of such projects and in such estimated amounts as approved by said committee prior to February 1, 2005, as follows:

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(1) Estimated Grant Commitments

School District School Project Number	Estimated Project Costs	Estimated Grant
HARTFORD Simpson-Waverly Classical Magnet 0289 MAG/A	\$ 22,523,095	\$ 21,396,940
HARTFORD Capital College Prep Magnet 0290 MAG/N	41,070,000	39,016,500
NEW HAVEN Metropolitan Business Magnet 0350 MAG/N	34,204,450	32,494,228
STAMFORD Environmental Studies Magnet 0259 MAG/N	58,000,000	55,100,000
ANDOVER Andover Elementary School 0014 EA	1,300,000	756,730
BETHEL Bethel High School 0057 EA	25,315,262	10,488,113
DANBURY Rogers Park Middle School 0131 EA	7,520,000	3,920,928

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EAST HADDAM

New East Haddam 4-8 School

0038 N/PS	24,830,000	12,149,319
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MILFORD

Alternative Education

0167 PF/EA	3,300,000	1,449,690
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NEW FAIRFIELD

New Fairfield Middle/High School

0041 A/CV	378,000	132,300
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OLD SAYBROOK

Old Saybrook Middle School

0035 EA	4,000,000	1,185,600
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OLD SAYBROOK

Old Saybrook Senior High School

0036 EA/RR	12,300,000	3,645,720
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WATERBURY

New Elementary School #1

0252 N/PS	31,900,000	24,722,500
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WATERBURY

New Elementary School #2

0253 N/PS	31,900,000	24,722,500
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WATERBURY

New Elementary School #3

0254 N/PS	31,900,000	24,722,500
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CT TECH. HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM

Bullard-Havens THS

0015 VT/EA	27,331,000	27,331,000
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CT TECH. HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM

Windham THS

0016 VT/EA	42,051,000	42,051,000
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CT TECH. HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM

Vinal THS

0017 EA/RR	51,076,000	51,076,000
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CT TECH. HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM

Oliver Wolcott THS

0018 EA/RR	44,117,000	44,117,000
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DANBURY

Broadview Middle School

0132 EA	7,900,000	4,119,060
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DANBURY

Danbury High School

0134 A	600,000	312,840
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FAIRFIELD

Tomlinson Middle School

0112 EA	28,876,000	7,836,946
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GROTON

Fitch Senior High School

0178 EA	45,000,000	27,000,000
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GROTON		
New Elementary School		
0179 N	20,800,000	12,480,000
MANCHESTER		
Robertson School		
0197 E	140,000	89,502
NEW HAVEN		
Clemente PK-8 School		
0351 A/RR	37,840,000	30,272,000
NEW HAVEN		
New Bishop Woods School		
0352 N	28,179,886	22,543,909
NORWALK		
Roton Middle School		
0232 EA	5,800,000	2,112,940
NORWALK		
Norwalk High School		
0233 EA	32,500,000	11,839,750
NORWALK		
Columbus Elementary School		
0234 A/EC	3,750,000	1,366,125
NORWALK		
Tracey School		
0235 A/EC	4,300,000	1,566,490

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STAMFORD		
Stillmeadow School		
0256 A/TCH	168,983	50,695
STAMFORD		
Springdale School		
0257 A/TCH	170,207	51,062
STAMFORD		
Northeast School		
0258 A/TCH	99,540	29,862
STERLING		
New Sterling PK-8 School		
0013 N	27,500,000	20,724,000
TRUMBULL		
Regional Agriscience/Tech Center		
0098 VE	114,058	108,355
WALLINGFORD		
Lyman Hall H.S. - Vocational Agri.		
0147 VA/N	27,808,000	26,417,600
WATERBURY		
Crosby High School		
0255 EA	5,800,000	4,495,000
WATERFORD		
Clark Lane Middle School		
0098 A/RR	22,201,534	5,867,865

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WEST HARTFORD

Duffy School

0206 EA	1,000,000	389,300
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WOLCOTT

Wolcott High School

0073 A	120,000	74,568
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REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 1

Housatonic Valley Reg. H.S.

0038 EA/RR	1,452,698	643,400
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REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 14

Nonnewaug High School

0085 VE	169,000	160,550
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REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 19

E.O. Smith Depot Road Satellite

0017 EA/RR	1,998,000	1,691,107
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DERBY

Derby High School

0051 A/EC	2,230,750	1,053,208
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ENFIELD

Harriet Beecher Stowe School

0134 EC/CV	381,332	260,107
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MANCHESTER

Bowers School

0200 A/EC	682,000	436,003
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MANCHESTER

Waddell School

0201 A/EC	1,189,000	760,128
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REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 1

Central Administration

0039 BE/E	200,000	44,290
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(2) Previously Authorized Projects Which Have Changed
Substantially in Scope or Cost.

School District	Authorized	Requested
School		
Project Number		

BRIDGEPORT

Barnum Elementary

015-0131 N

Estimated...

Total Project Costs	\$ 44,147,458	\$ 58,315,334
Total Grant	35,317,966	46,652,267

BRISTOL

Ivy Drive School

017-0074 EA

Estimated...

Total Project Costs	8,500,000	14,500,000
Total Grant	5,889,650	10,047,050

BRISTOL

Mountain View School

017-0075 EA

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Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	8,500,000	13,000,000
Total Grant	5,889,650	9,007,700

DANBURY
Academy for International Studies
034-0124 MAG/N

Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	17,500,000	21,355,000
Total Grant	17,500,000	21,355,000

HAMDEN
Hamden Middle School
062-0084 N

Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	43,493,865	54,421,850
Total Grant	27,805,628	34,791,889

HARTFORD
Hartford Public High School
064-0246 RNV/E

Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	82,000,000	105,000,000
Total Grant	63,254,800	80,997,000

HARTFORD
Breakthrough Academy Magnet
064-0271 MAG/N

Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	26,000,000	29,500,000
Total Grant	26,000,000	29,500,000

HARTFORD
Greater Hartford Classical Magnet

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064-0285 MAG/PF

Estimated...

Total Project Costs	32,000,000	36,434,294
Total Grant	32,000,000	36,434,294

NEW CANAAN

New Canaan High School

090-0044 RNV/E

Estimated...

Total Project Costs	54,475,454	61,170,560
Total Grant	10,895,091	12,234,112

NEW HAVEN

Arts Magnet Middle School

093-0307 MAG/N

Estimated...

Total Project Costs	28,700,000	29,200,000
Total Grant	28,700,000	29,200,000

NEW HAVEN

New Jackie Robinson Magnet School

093-0329 MAG/N

Estimated...

Total Project Costs	34,000,000	35,000,000
Total Grant	26,836,200	33,250,000

NEW HAVEN

Betsy Ross School

093-0332 EA/RR

Estimated...

Total Project Costs	33,500,000	38,300,000
Total Grant	26,441,550	30,230,190

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Barnard Magnet School
093-0339 MAG/E

Estimated...

Total Project Costs	34,000,000	34,000,000
Total Grant	27,077,600	32,300,000

NEW HAVEN
Cooperative Arts & Humanities
Magnet High School
093-0341 MAG/N

Estimated...

Total Project Costs	52,000,000	58,000,000
Total Grant	52,000,000	58,000,000

NEW HAVEN
Christopher Columbus School
093-0348 EA/RR

Estimated...

Total Project Costs	15,269,961	28,179,886
Total Grant	12,160,997	22,442,461

NEW HAVEN
Troup Middle School
093-0343 A

Estimated...

Total Project Costs	36,570,369	36,570,369
Total Grant	28,568,772	28,568,772

NEW HAVEN
Clinton Avenue School
093-0344 EA/RR

Estimated...

Total Project Costs	30,744,372	35,000,000
Total Grant	24,484,818	27,874,000

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NORWALK
Kendall Elementary
103-0229 EA

Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	6,769,000	7,900,000
Total Grant	2,321,091	2,708,910

SEYMOUR
Seymour High School
124-0052 EA

Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	17,167,415	21,900,000
Total Grant	10,484,140	13,374,330

TRUMBULL
Middlebrook Elementary
144-0097 EA

Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	5,412,709	7,331,482
Total Grant	1,701,214	2,304,285

WATERFORD
Clark Lane Middle School
152-0081 EA/RR

Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	9,688,100	10,706,900
Total Grant	2,283,485	2,523,616

WATERFORD
Waterford High School
152-0083 A/RR

Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	13,056,500	14,361,500

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Total Grant	3,076,111	3,385,006
WESTPORT		
Greensfarms Elementary		
158-0087 RNV/E		
Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	13,791,900	16,364,732
Total Grant	2,905,953	3,448,049
EAST HARTFORD		
East Hartford Glastonbury		
Elementary Magnet School		
043-0228 MAG/N		
Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	24,039,994	24,932,539
Total Grant	24,039,994	24,932,539
REG. DIST. #5		
Amity Reg. Jr. High-Bethany		
205-0042 EA/RR		
Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	15,880,352	20,623,333
Total Grant	5,558,123	7,218,167
REG. DIST. #5		
Amity Reg. Jr. High-Orange		
205-0043 EA/RR		
Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	15,589,965	20,322,584
Total Grant	5,456,488	7,112,904
MONTVILLE		
Mohegan School		
086-0084 EA/RR		

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Estimated...

Total Project Costs	5,749,872	6,782,481
Total Grant	3,758,116	4,433,030

HARTFORD

Pathways to Technology Magnet
School

064-0286 MAG/N

Estimated...

Total Project Costs	29,681,896	36,940,500
Total Grant	29,681,896	36,940,500

Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-292 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Education's school facilities unit, the town of West Hartford may let out for bid on and commence a project for relocatable classrooms (Project Number 155-0199) at King Philip Middle School and shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Education's school facilities unit.

Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-292 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Education's school facilities unit, the town of Simsbury may let out for bid on and commence a project for relocatable classrooms (Project Number 128-0100) at Central School and shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Education's school facilities unit.

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Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Education's school facilities unit, the city of Waterbury may let out for bid on and commence the projects for roof replacement (Project Number 151-0237 RR) at Wilson Elementary School, code updates (Project Number 151-0197 CV) at Kennedy High School, renovations (Project Number 151-0243 RNV Barnard Elementary School phase) and (Project Number 151-0243 RNV Tinker Elementary School phase), asbestos abatement in the gymnasium (Project Number 151-0251 CV) at Barnard Elementary School and asbestos abatement in the tunnel (Project Number 151-0247 CV) at Barnard Elementary School and shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for grant commitments from the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Education's school facilities unit.

Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 10-283 and 10-284 of the general statutes or any regulations adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that local legislative authorizations be obtained within one year after the authorization by the General Assembly of a grant commitment or requiring that the town begin constructing within two years after the effective date of the act of the General Assembly authorizing the Commissioner of Education to enter into grant commitments for such projects, the town of Newington shall have until June 30, 2006, to authorize and until June 30, 2007, to begin construction on the projects at Newington High School, John Wallace Middle School and Martin Kellogg Middle School (Project Numbers 094-0085 Comprehensive A/C, 094-0087 Industrial Technology, 094-0088 Auditorium A/C, 094-0090 A/C Auditorium & Cafe, 094-0091 Industrial Technology and 094-0092 Field House Renovations) and shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for grant commitments from the state.

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Sec. 6. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education concerning projected enrollment for a school building project, the town of Oxford may increase the projected enrollment to seven hundred fifty students for the new construction project (Project Number 108-0028) at the new Oxford High School.

Sec. 7. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7-131n of the general statutes, the town of New London may convey park property to LEARN for the Marine Sciences Magnet High School (Project Number 245-0087 MAG/N) for use as a magnet school site.

Sec. 8. (*Effective from passage*) LEARN shall begin construction on the Marine Sciences Magnet High School (Project Number 245-0087 MAG/N) on or before June 30, 2006, and may be eligible to receive state school construction funding.

Sec. 9. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Education's school facilities unit, the town of Old Saybrook may let out for bid on and commence a project for alteration (Project Number 106-0038 A) at Old Saybrook Middle School and shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Education's school facilities unit.

Sec. 10. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education setting square footage specifications for purposes of calculating eligible costs for a school building project

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grant, such square footage specifications shall not apply to the extension and alteration project (Project Number 159-0094 EA) at the Webb School in Wethersfield.

Sec. 11. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted under said chapter, the town of West Hartford is authorized to renovate and improve the athletic fields of Conard High School in an amount not to exceed one million dollars and shall be subsequently eligible for school construction grant assistance provided a completed grant application is submitted to the Department of Education prior to June 30, 2006. The full cost of renovation and improvement shall be deemed eligible costs for the purpose of grant calculation. The grant for construction assistance shall be fifty per cent of the total costs of the project.

Sec. 12. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education concerning eligible costs, Regional District #11 may apply for and subsequently be eligible to receive a school construction grant for costs of emergency repairs and maintenance at Parish Hill High School, as required to maintain New England Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation. Such costs shall not exceed one million dollars. The state standard space specifications, the provisions of subparagraph (A) of subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 10-283 of the general statutes concerning redirection, the provisions of subsection (b) of section 10-287 of the general statutes concerning bidding, and the provisions of section 10-292 concerning plan review shall not apply to this project.

Sec. 13. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2004, or subsection (d) of section 10-283 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of

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Education requiring local funding authorization for the local share of project costs prior to application, an extension and alteration project for Regional School District #11 at Parish Hill High School with costs approximately forty million dollars shall be included in subsection (1) of section 1 of this act, provided a complete grant application is submitted prior to June 30, 2006. Such project shall also be eligible for the reimbursement bonus pursuant to subsection (d) of section 10-285a of the general statutes, provided a cooperative arrangement is established as required in said subsection (d) prior to the completion of the project.

Sec. 14. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Education's school facilities unit, the town of West Hartford may let out for bid on and commence a project for a new middle school (Project Number 155-0201 PF/EA) at Bristow Middle School and shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Education's school facilities unit.

Sec. 15. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Education's school facilities unit, the town of West Hartford may let out for bid on and commence a project for portable classrooms (Project Number 155-0203 RE) at Whiting Lane Elementary School and shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Education's school facilities unit.

Sec. 16. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of

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section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Education's school facilities unit, the town of West Hartford may let out for bid on and commence a project for portable classrooms (Project Number 155-0202 RE) at Hall High School and shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Education's school facilities unit.

Sec. 17. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted under said chapter, the town of Meriden is authorized to renovate and improve the athletic fields adjacent to the Washington Middle School, known as Falcon Field, in an amount not to exceed four million dollars and shall be subsequently eligible for school construction grant assistance provided a completed grant application is submitted to the Department of Education prior to June 30, 2006. The full cost of renovation and improvement shall be deemed eligible costs for the purpose of grant calculation. The grant for construction assistance shall be fifty per cent of the total costs of the project. The renovated and improved fields shall be used primarily for school-related activities.

Sec. 18. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-291 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education concerning prior approval for site acquisition, the town of West Hartford shall be eligible for reimbursement for site acquisition costs incurred on the additions and renovations to Whiting Lane School (Project Number 155-0161 EA).

Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Any professional or consulting fee that is calculated as a proportion of total project costs for any school building project for which state assistance is provided in

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accordance with the provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes shall not be increased as a result of increased prices for construction materials.

Sec. 20. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, for any school building project authorized by the General Assembly on or after July 1, 2005, classrooms or libraries shall be constructed or altered in accordance with American National Standard: Acoustical Performance Criteria, Design Requirements and Guidelines for Schools, ANSI S12. 60-2002. The provisions of this section shall not apply to classrooms or libraries where adequate acoustical modifications cannot be made without compromising health and safety, or the educational purpose or function of a specific classroom or library.

(b) A local or regional board of education may apply to the Commissioner of Education for a waiver from the standard required in subsection (a) of this section for any relocatable classroom that will be used by the same school for a period of less than thirty-six months and the commissioner shall grant such waiver provided the application includes evidence that the board, with notice to parents, students and teachers, held a public hearing on the effects that required acoustical standards for classrooms may have on a student's ability to learn.

Sec. 21. Subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of section 10-286 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

(4) Commencing with the school construction projects authorized by the General Assembly during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1985, and for all such projects so authorized thereafter, the calculation of grants pursuant to this section shall be made in accordance with the state standard space specifications in effect at the time of the final grant calculation, except that on and after July 1, 2005, in the case of a school

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district with an enrollment of less than one hundred fifty students in grades kindergarten to grade eight, inclusive, state standard space specifications shall not apply in the calculation of grants pursuant to this section and the Commissioner of Education may modify the standard space specifications for a project in such district.

Sec. 22. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted under said chapter, the town of West Hartford is authorized to renovate and improve the athletic fields of Hall High School in an amount not to exceed one million dollars and shall be subsequently eligible for school construction grant assistance provided a completed grant application is submitted to the Department of Education prior to June 30, 2006. The full cost of renovation and improvement shall be deemed eligible costs for the purpose of grant calculation. The grant for construction assistance shall be fifty per cent of the costs of the total project.

Sec. 23. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Education's school facilities unit, the town of Trumbull may let out for bid on and commence a project for renovation as new (Project Number TMP-144-ZWGF) at Trumbull High School and shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Education's school facilities unit, provided a complete grant application is submitted prior to July 1, 2006.

Sec. 24. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Education's school facilities unit, the town of Canterbury may let out

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for bid on and commence a project for a code violation (Project Number 022-0013 CV) at Canterbury Elementary School and shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Education's school facilities unit.

Sec. 25. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that the description of a project type for a school building project be made at the time of application for a school building project grant, the town of North Branford may change the scope of the extension and alteration project at North Branford Middle/High School (Project Number 099-0049 EA) to a renovation project for the middle school portion of the school.

Sec. 26. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Education's school facilities unit, the town of Stamford may let out for bid on and commence a project for roof replacement (Project Number 135-0252 RR) at Toquam Elementary School and shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Education's school facilities unit.

Sec. 27. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes and any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that the scope of a school building project be set at the time of application for a school building project grant, the town of Canton may expand the scope of the project at Canton Intermediate School (Project Number 023-0026 EA).

Sec. 28. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any provision of

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chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted under said chapter, the town of Manchester may designate up to two legally qualified employees to be the architects of record for elementary school building projects and the prorated salary and benefits paid to such employees for work pertaining to design and construction on such projects shall be eligible costs for the purpose of calculating a grant under section 10-286 of the general statutes, provided (1) the town submits to the Department of Education documented and certified records of such work completed by said architects, including, but not limited to, timesheets that clearly delineate the number of hours the architects worked on such project, and (2) no other nonemployee architect renders services to the building project that are included as eligible costs.

Sec. 29. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted under said chapter, and the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 10-286 of the general statutes, the town of Manchester may use funds provided under section 10a-194c of the general statutes toward the required local share of project costs for the construction of the Manchester Head Start/Preschool Center for the purpose of offering a full-day town-wide preschool program provided, notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 187 of the general statutes and section 17b-749i of the general statutes, the town of Manchester shall pay the debt service costs on such funds.

Sec. 30. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted under said chapter, the grant authorization for the school construction project at Howell Cheney Regional Vocational Technical High School (Project Number 900-003 EA) shall be increased by one million two hundred thousand dollars for artificial turf at the athletic fields.

Sec. 31. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of

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section 25-32 of the general statutes or any regulation requiring a town to obtain a permit authorizing a change of use of Class I watershed lands from the Commissioner of Public Health, the town of Wallingford may continue with renovation projects at Moran Middle School (Project Number 148-0143 EA), Parker Farms Elementary School (Project Number 148-0137 EA) and Sheehan High School (Project Number 148-142 EA).

Sec. 32. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted pursuant to said section 10-283, requiring that funding authorization for the local share of the project costs be secured prior to application and that no school building project shall be added to subdivision (1) of the school construction list, the projects for extension and alteration (Project Number TMP-089-JQZK), extension (Project Number TMP-089-RGTZ), and relocatable classrooms (Project Number TMP-089-WJBZ) at New Britain High School in New Britain are included in said subdivision (1) and shall be eligible to be subsequently considered for grant commitments from the state, provided the school district files completed grant applications for the school building projects and secures the funding authorization for the local share of the project costs prior to June 30, 2006, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education.

Sec. 33. Subsection (c) of section 10-56 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

(c) When a district has been authorized to issue general obligation bonds, notes or other obligations as provided by this section, the board may authorize, for a period not to exceed [four] eight years, the issue of temporary notes in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of such bonds. Notes issued for a shorter period of time may

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be renewed by the issue of other notes, provided the period from the date of the original notes to the maturity of the last notes issued in renewal thereof shall not exceed [four] eight years. The term of such notes shall not be included in computing the time within which such bonds shall mature, provided such term does not exceed four years. For any series of notes the term of which is extended past the fourth year, the provisions of section 7-378a providing for the retirement from budgeted funds of one-twentieth of the net project cost, the reduction of the term of the bonds when sold and the commencement of the first principal payment of such bonds, shall apply with respect to each year beyond the fourth that the notes are outstanding. The provisions of section 7-373 shall be deemed to apply to such notes. The board, or such officer or body to whom the board delegates the authority to make such determinations, shall determine the date, maturity, interest rate, form, manner of sale and other terms of such notes which shall be general obligations of the regional school district and member towns. Such notes may bear interest or be sold at a discount. The interest or discount on such notes and any renewals thereof and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them may be included as a part of the cost of the project for the financing of which such bonds were authorized. Upon the sale of such bonds, the board shall apply immediately the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, to the payment of the principal and interest of all notes issued in anticipation thereof or deposit the proceeds in trust for such purpose with a bank or trust company, which may be the bank or trust company, if any, at which such notes are payable.

Sec. 34. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted pursuant to said chapter, the grant authorization for the school construction project at Ellis Regional Vocational Technical High School (Project Number 900-009 EA) shall be increased by five hundred thousand dollars for costs to illuminate the athletic fields and for other

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improvements.

Sec. 35. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted pursuant to said section 10-283, requiring that funding authorization for the local share of the project costs be secured prior to application and that no school building project shall be added to the school construction list in subdivision (1) of section 1 of this act, the projects for (1) library reconstruction for Duffy School, and (2) air conditioning at King Philip Middle School in West Hartford are included in said subdivision (1) and shall be eligible to be subsequently considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the school district files a completed application for a school building project and secures the funding authorization for the local share of the project costs prior to June 30, 2006, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education.

Sec. 36. Section 10-66hh of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

For the fiscal years ending [June 30, 2002, June 30, 2003, and June 30, 2004] June 30, 2006, and June 30, 2007, the Commissioner of Education shall establish, within available [appropriations and] bond authorizations, a grant program to assist state charter schools in financing (1) school building projects, as defined in section 10-282, (2) general improvements to school buildings, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10-265h, and (3) repayment of debt incurred prior to July 1, 2005, for [prior] school building projects. [Eligibility for such grants shall be limited to state charter schools whose charters were renewed in the fiscal years ending June 30, 2001, June 30, 2002, and June 30, 2003, pursuant to subsection (g) of section 10-66bb.] The governing authorities of such state charter schools may apply for such grants to the Department of Education at such time and in such manner as the

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commissioner prescribes. [Each state charter school may receive no more than one grant under this section and no grant under this section shall exceed five hundred thousand dollars.] The commissioner shall give preference to applications that provide for matching funds from nonstate sources.

Sec. 37. (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate ten million dollars, provided five million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2006.

(b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Department of Education for the purpose of grants pursuant to section 10-66hh of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

(c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this

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section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

Sec. 38. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a commission to study the long-term capital needs of state charter schools. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the process for funding capital needs of state charter schools and the overall capital needs of all public schools.

(b) The commission shall consist of the following members:

(1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall be a representative of a regional education service center;

(2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who shall be a representative of a state charter school;

(3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a representative of a union that represents teachers certified by the State Board of Education;

(4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be a parent of a student of a state charter school;

(5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a representative of the Connecticut Association of School Business Officers;

(6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be

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a school superintendent;

(7) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;

(8) The chairpersons of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and finance, or their designees;

(9) The ranking members of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and finance, or their designees; and

(10) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee.

(c) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

(d) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education shall be the chairpersons of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force which shall be held no later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

(e) Not later than January 1, 2006, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and finance, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2006, whichever is earlier.

Sec. 39. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, there shall be established a pilot program for the

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development of a school building facility to be used for a state charter school. The Commissioner of Education may receive applications for the purchase and renovation of a building to be used as a state charter school facility. The amount of the grant shall be equal to the net eligible expenditures multiplied by the school construction reimbursement rate for the town in which the facility will be located. Enrollment projections identified in the application may exceed current charter school enrollment limitations, if approved by the commissioner. The provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes concerning school construction projects and regulations adopted by the State Board of Education, in accordance with said chapter 173, shall apply to the project, except as provided by this section.

(b) Eligible applicants shall be successful state charter school governing boards that have operated a charter school for at least five years and have had the charter of the school renewed by the State Board of Education. The application shall include information concerning the charter school that describes: (1) Academic success, including test results on mastery examinations pursuant to section 10-14n of the general statutes, (2) attendance records of students, (3) student success in completing the program of studies offered by the school, (4) parental involvement in the operation and decisions of the governing board, and (5) other such information as is required by the Commissioner of Education. The application shall be submitted in such form, manner and time as determined by the commissioner.

(c) The Commissioner of Education may select one application for state grant assistance. The commissioner shall notify the school construction committee pursuant to section 10-283a of the general statutes of the commissioner's selection and the proposed funding for such state charter school project. The school construction committee shall consider the application in conjunction with the committee's review of the listing of eligible projects developed in accordance with

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section 10-283 of the general statutes. If the school construction committee approves the request for funding, the committee shall include such grant request as a separately-listed item on a special supplementary schedule for such pilot charter school project on the listing of eligible projects developed in accordance with section 10-283 of the general statutes.

(d) If a state charter school that received a grant pursuant to this section ceases to be used as a state charter school facility, the Commissioner of Education shall determine whether title to the building and any legal interest in appurtenant land shall revert to the state.

Sec. 40. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes and any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education concerning eligibility for school building project grant assistance, the town of Danbury shall be eligible to file a completed grant application prior to October 1, 2005, and shall be subsequently considered for a grant commitment from the state for the purpose of constructing a Head Start education facility. Said facility shall be deemed a pilot program to support early childhood education and may be operated by a nonprofit agency.

Sec. 41. (*Effective from passage*) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2005, to June 30, 2007, inclusive, the Commissioner of Education may provide grants for children in the Hartford program described in section 10-266aa of the general statutes to participate in an all day kindergarten program. In addition to the subsidy provided to the receiving district for educational services, such grants may be used for the provision of before and after-school care and remedial services for the kindergarten students participating in the program.

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